

CLAIMS

1. A delegate speech station for a conference installation comprising
 - an audio unit for changing audio signals into first signals,
 - a signal processing unit for converting first signals into second signals, and
 - an interface for sending the second signals to an external network unit and for receiving third signals from an external network unit,
 - wherein the signal processing unit is suitable for converting the third signals received from the external network unit into first signals,
 - wherein the audio unit is adapted to convert first signals into audio signals and to reproduce audio signals,
 - wherein the second and third signals are based on a first communication protocol, and
 - wherein the communication of the external network units with each other is based on a second communication protocol which represents a network communication protocol.
2. A speech station according to claim 1 and further comprising operating elements for controlling the delegate speech station.
3. A speech station according to claim 2 wherein
 - the operating elements are connected to the signal processing unit, and
 - wherein the signals produced by the operating elements are converted by the signal processing unit into fourth signals and are forwarded to the interface.
4. A speech station according to one of the preceding claims wherein
 - the signal processing unit represents a digital signal processing unit and the interface represents a digital interface.
5. A speech station according to one of the preceding claims wherein

the audio unit has a swan-neck microphone.

6. A speech station according to one of the preceding claims comprising

a conference installation control unit for controlling the delegate speech stations connected to a conference installation.

7. A conference installation comprising

a network,

a plurality of network units connected by the network, and

a plurality of delegate speech stations according to one of claims 1 to 6, which are each associated with a respective one of the network units.

8. A conference installation according to claim 7 wherein

the network units each have respective specific network identifications.

9. A conference installation according to claim 7 or claim 8 further comprising

a network server for controlling the network.

10. A conference installation according to one of claims 7 to 9

wherein an operating system upon recognition of the individual delegate speech stations is transmitted to the delegate speech stations during a connection to the network.